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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. About late October/early November 1955, the construction of a large radio installation was observed in the area of the "Schunke-Lager" (engineer camp) near Sperenberg. The installation was being set up by Soviet soldiers and permanently guarded by three double sentries.
2. The radio installation consisted of 4 wooden masts each about 25 m high, 35 to 40 m apart and arranged in a line. The line of masts extended from south-west to north-east. The first mast was within the Schunke-Lager, about 100 m east of the northern tip of Lake Schunke. The fourth mast was 100 to 150 m south-west of the narrow-gauge railroad bridge across the ditch which extends from Kammersdorf to Sperenberg.
3. Between the masts cage-like wire devices were extended and a single-wire lead ran to the ground from a point in the middle of two masts.
4. From the antenna mast which was placed nearest to "Dreifusschen" a double circuit extended to a wooden box measuring about 60 x 60 x 100 cm and from there to an overheadline consisting of four wires which extended in a south-westerly direction over the road from there to the vicinity of the youth hostel to the north-west. The two pairs of two bare copper wires each arranged above each other on the two sides of the mast were connected by square plates, the sides of which were about 20 cm long. The plates were placed two meters apart.
5. Two other lines of the same type extended to the Schunke Lager. These two lines consisting of four wires each joined, after some distance, into one line of 8 wires and then extended to the camp. There it ended in a building near Lake Schunke.
6. At a later period, two new radio masts were set up in the area of Camp Schunke, opposite of the south-western mast of the antenna installation described above. The cages of the new antenna system were oriented diagonally to those of the former radio installation. The two masts were about 25 m high and 30 to 40 m apart. The antenna system consisted of two cages of the same type as those

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described above. Over-head-lines extended in the direction of Lake Nehanka from the two new masts which were from 50 to 100 m distant from the large antenna installation.

7. The buildings located in the vicinity of the youth hostel and a large area were being surrounded with a 4-strand barbed wire fence. Sentries were observed patrolling along the fences.

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